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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Chastain et al.

Serial No.: Not Assigned

Group Art Unit: Not Assigned

Filed: Not Assigned

Docket No.: 158/71

For: AIR BLOWN FIBER (ABF) CABLE WITH LOW COMPOSITE COEFFICIENT OF THERMAL EXPANSION

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, applicants' undersigned attorney brings to the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office the following references. Forms PTO/SB/08A and PTO/SB/08B are attached hereto. Copies of the references are also enclosed. This is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made or that a reference is relevant merely because cited.

U.S. Patent No. 4,082,423 to Glista et al. discloses fiber optics cable strengthening method and means.

U.S. Patent No. 4,299,256 to Bacehowski et al. discloses coextruded silicone-containing tubing having long term frictional lubrication properties.

U.S. Patent No. 4,691,896 to Reeve et al. discloses optical fibre transmission line.

U.S. Patent No. 4,791,965 to Wynn discloses co-extruded tube.

U.S. Patent No. 4,796,970 to Reeve et al. discloses optical fibre transmission lines.

U.S. Patent No. 4,892,442 to Shoffner discloses prelubricated innerduct.

U.S. Patent No. 4,952,021 to Aoki et al. discloses pressure transporting system.

U.S. Patent No. 5,358,011 to Stockton et al. discloses optical fibre ducts having inner layer suited to blown fibre installation and a fire retardant outer layer.

U.S. Patent No. 6,101,304 to Quistorff et al. discloses air blown fiber (ABF) tube cable with central innerduct.

European Patent Application No. 0180590 A1 discloses fiber optical transmission lines.

Publication by Schneider et al. entitled "Melt Filament Reinforcement "MFR" for Shrink Free Fiber Optic Cable", International Wire & Cable Symposium, pp. 287-292.

Early passage of the subject application to issue is earnestly solicited.

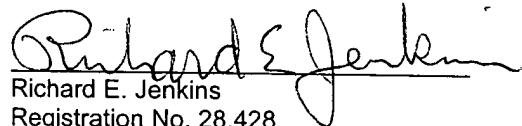
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FEE CALCULATION (continued)

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity Fee Code (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
105	130	205	65 Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
127	50	227	25 Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
139	130	139	130 Non-English specification	
147	2,520	147	2,520 For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
112	920*	112	920* Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
113	1,840*	113	1,840* Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
115	110	215	55 Extension for reply within first month	
116	390	216	195 Extension for reply within second month	
117	890	217	445 Extension for reply within third month	
118	1,390	218	695 Extension for reply within fourth month	
128	1,890	228	945 Extension for reply within fifth month	
119	310	219	155 Notice of Appeal	
120	310	220	155 Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121	270	221	135 Request for oral hearing	
138	1,510	138	1,510 Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140	110	240	55 Petition to revive - unavoidable	
141	1,240	241	620 Petition to revive - unintentional	
142	1,240	242	620 Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143	440	243	220 Design issue fee	
144	600	244	300 Plant issue fee	
122	130	122	130 Petitions to the Commissioner	
123	50	123	50 Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
126	180	126	180 Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
581	40	581	40 Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
146	710	246	355 Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
149	710	249	355 For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	
179	710	279	355 Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
169	900	169	900 Request for expedited examination of a design application	
Other fee (specify) _____				

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2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
36	-20** = 16	x 18.00	288.00
Independent Claims	3 - 3** = 0	x 0.00	0.00
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Fee Code (\$)	Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description	
103	18	203	9 Claims in excess of 20
102	80	202	40 Independent claims in excess of 3
104	270	204	135 Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
109	80	209	40 ** Reissue independent claims over original patent
110	18	210	9 ** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

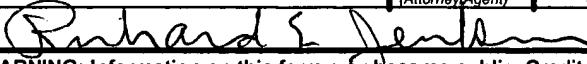
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